

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 18, 2016
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Bridges led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Gary Cameron, and Antonia Walker, Student Advisor, answered roll call. Brad Berkemeier was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Conner moved to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2016 meeting as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey informed Council of the Chamber Dinner on October 25. Scott McCorkle will be the speaker. Reservations should be made through the Mayor's office.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley informed Council that there will be an ordinance for additional appropriations for the EMS and K-9 funds for the next meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges asked if banners could be put up next week for red ribbon week. Miller said he would put them up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Pavey said the stella-bration was last Friday. They met with consultants today to discuss the overlook project.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing to report.
- **Marketing** – We are having meetings.
- **APC/BZA** – No report.

- **City Center** – Bids are due next week.
- **Cherry Street Extension** - Phase 2 was approved.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Continuing with testing various sites.
- **ECDC** – No report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker handed out September reports.

He informed Council that the new K-9 and Officer Faw have been in training and should be on patrol by the end of the week.

Tucker said he received a traffic complaint in the 900 block of West 2nd. The resident requested a “children at play” sign and a 4 way stop in place of a 2 way stop. He will have a proposal at the next meeting.

Mayor Pavey said he met with Fleis & Vandenbrink today and discussed LED powered stop signs. They are researching how to get those approved to bring more attention to stops.

Councilman Conner said there have been several complaints regarding the stop lights on Main causing traffic back-up. Pavey said they will inform Indot again.

Street – Commissioner Miller said they filled 23 dumpsters for heavy trash pick-up, for a cost of \$23,111.00. 41 dumpsters were used in the spring.

The Board of Works hired Tyler Workman for full-time sanitation employee.

The haunted trail will be October 29th from 7:00-11:00. 35 people have volunteered to help.

Fire – Chief Jenkins handed out September reports. He said the intercepts are down due to the advanced EMS.

Park – Councilman Smith said the netting along the softball diamond looks bad and needs to be restrung.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Blue Ribbon Estates** - We are still waiting to hear from Duke. The signs are up. Tucker said those will need to be placed in ordinance form.
2. **Resolution 2016-25 Title VI Plan and Policy** – Pavey said this was sent to 10 individuals all gave positive comments. No other comments were received. Pavey also said he will appoint Carmen Clark to oversee this policy. Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2016-25. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Highway 52 Property Update** – Newhouse said this was approved by the zoning board, therefore we can move forward.
4. **Trash Options** – Smith is working on wording for Newhouse to review. Bridges asked if this would include yard waste. Smith said it does not.
5. **APC/BZA Joint Planning and Zoning** – Mayor Pavey informed Council that the County made a recommendation last Wednesday to dissolve the joint APC/BZA agreement for a period of 1 year, with conversation to take place in 6 months. Carmen has moved to City Hall to handle the day to day duties for the City. There will be discussions regarding moving forward. Marvin Reese is acting interim director for the County. They also have a part-time secretary.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2016-17 Elected Officials 2017 Salaries** – Councilman Smith asked that it be on record that this does not include full time health care for Council. Bridges moved to approve Ordinance 2016-17. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2016-18 Salary Ordinance for 2017** – Chief Jenkins asked to increase the lieutenant rank pay by \$300.00 and \$500.00 increase for captain rank. He said he will reduce other line items to make up the difference. Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-18 with the rank increase as requested. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Utility Rate Increase** - John Skomp, from Crowe Horwath, explained to Council the proposed utility rate increase. He stated that the sewer revenues are decreasing, although the expenses are relatively stable. There are capital improvements needed. He said we are looking at a \$4.17 million bond issue. This would constitute a 35% increase on sewer rates. The minimum bill would increase approximately \$9.20 per month and the average user would increase approximately \$18.00 per month.

Skomp said there is a slight decrease in revenue in the water with some inflation in expenses. We are not looking at a bond issue for water. There are capital improvements needed and we will pay as we go for those improvements. Water would constitute a 13% increase. This would be approximately \$2.00 more per month for the minimum user and an additional \$3.62 for the average user.

4. **Introduction to Bond Ordinance** – Smith made a motion to accept the introduction for the bond ordinance and pass the ordinance on 1st reading. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Introduction to Rate Ordinances** – Bridges made a motion to accept the introduction for the water rate increase and passage on first reading. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Conner moved to accept the introduction of the sewer rate increase and to approve the passage of the ordinance on first reading. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Mayor Pavey welcomed Antonia Walker. Antonia is a junior and will be attending Council meetings as a student advisor.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner moved to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.